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1. At the direction of the East German State Planning Commission, VEB Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen, Berlin-Oberschoeneweide, has drawn up plans for a large addition to their present factory site in the near future. These plans, blueprints, and detailed estimates were submitted to the East German Council of Ministers about the end of March 1955 and the management of VEB Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen understands from Deputy Minister-President Heinrich Rau that a fairly prompt approval by the Council can be expected.
2. The new building, which is to be erected adjacent to the present factory site, is planned so as to allow a yearly production of 400,000 to 500,000 TV tubes of various sizes up to and including 21-inch picture tubes.
3. If final approval by the Council of Ministers is not delayed to an unreasonable extent, and if the building materials and the required machine tools are made available on schedule, VEB Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen hopes to begin actual production at the new site by the end of 1956.

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